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TAGS: PFOR XF QA PLO

SUBJ: ARAFAT VISIT TO QATAR

1. PLO CHIEF YASSER ARAFAT, ACCOMPANIED BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER MAHMUD ABBAS, VISITED QATAR APRIL 3-4 IN COURSE OF REGIONAL TOUR TO DISCUSS MID EAST SITUATION. ARAFAT ACCORDED JUST LESS THAN CHIEF-OF-STATE RED-CARPET TREATMENT. HE MET WITH AMIR AND WAS FETED ON TWO SEPARATE OCCASIONS BY FOREIGN MINISTER DESPITE CURRENT MOURNING PERIOD FOR DEATH OF KING FAISAL. ARAFAT ALSO ADDRESSED QATAR'S LARGE PALESTINIAN COMMUNITY IN PUBLIC MEETING.

2. IN NEWSPAPER INTERVIEW AND ADDRESS TO PALESTINIAN COMMUNITY, HE EFFUSIVELY PRAISED AMIR'S SUPPORT FOR PALESTINIAN CAUSE, PUT OUT USUAL PALESTINIAN BOILERPLATE, TOUCHING ON SUCH UNCLASSIFIED

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SUBJECTS AS:

(A) SUSPENSION OF SECRETARY'S MID EAST MISSION -- ARAFAT SAID HE "REJOICED" OVER BREAKDOWN, SINCE U.S. EFFORTS SERVED ONLY ISRAELI INTERESTS;

(B) PLO AND GENEVA CONFERENCE -- IF AND WHEN INVITATION FORTHCOMING, PLO WOULD THEN STUDY ITS POSITION;

(C) PLO-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS -- PREVIOUS MISUNDERSTANDING WAS RESOLVED "IN RIYADH AND CAIRO";

JKD) EGYPTIAN-SYRIAN-PLO JOINT COMMAND -- PLO HAS APPROVED ASAD SUGGESTION AND DETAILS BEING WORKED OUT;

(3) PLO-JORDANIAN RELATIONS -- PLO'S WILLINGNESS TO LET BY-GONES BE BY-GONES NOT YET RECIPROCATED BY GOJ;

(F) RABAT DECISION RE FEDAYEEN OPERATIONS ACROSS JORDAN RIVER NOT RPT NOT YET IMPLEMENTED; AND

(G) WAR OR PEACE -- WAR INEVITABLE, OTHERWISE WHY HAVE ISRAELIS INCREASED FORCES BY 50 PERCENT, INCLUDING LANCE MISSILES WITH NUCLEAR WARHEADS, SINCE BEFORE OCT 73 WAR?
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